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Appointment of medical practitioners trained in the School of Tropical Medicine, Calcutta.

* 1062 Q.—Mr. C. GOPALA MENON : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of medical practitioners employed under Government and local bodies who have undergone training in the School of Tropical Medicine, Calcutta, in the treatment of leprosy ;

(b) whether the Government and the local bodies have made any efforts to utilize the services of these trained officers by starting Leprosy Clinics ;

(c) whether the Government have at any time called for proposals to start Leprosy Clinics either in the Government hospitals or the dispensaries and hospitals run by the local bodies ; and

(d) what is the amount provided in the budget for 1929-30 for starting Leprosy Clinics ?

A.—(a) Sixteen under Government and five under local bodies.

(b) Leprosy Clinics have been opened at the Government Headquarter Hospitals at Tanjore, Coimbatore, Guntur, Vizagapatam and Krishnagiri and temporarily at Villupuram. Leprosy Clinics have not been opened by local bodies.

(c) It is the aim of the Government to open Leprosy Clinics at all Government medical institutions. They have not asked local bodies to open such clinics.

(d) No amount has been provided.

Mr. C. GOPALA MENON :—“With reference to the answer to question (c), may I know why the Government have not asked the local bodies to open any Leprosy Clinics ?”

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—“The institutions maintained by the local bodies are entirely under their control, and we have no power to ask them to open Leprosy Clinics.”

Public Health

Free supply of water to mosques in Chidambaram.

* 1063 Q.—Khan Bahadur S. K. ABDUL RAZACK SAHIB Bahadur : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representation that the Chidambaram Municipal Council has declined to allow the free supply of water to mosques and proposes to charge for the entire water used ; and

(b) what action the Government have taken thereon and with what result ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Orders have been issued permitting the municipal council to allow a free supply of water to the mosque in question in accordance with the by-laws on the subject.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“Did the municipal council at any time decline the free supply of water to the mosque ?”

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—“It did.”